

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
WESTERN DIVISION

JUNE HILL,  
Plaintiff,

Civil Action No.1:11-cv-830

vs.

Spiegel, J.  
Bowman, M.J.

CITY OF CINCINNATI, et al,  
Defendants.

**ORDER**

This civil action is before the Court on Plaintiff's motion "for Pre-Trial Issues," wherein, Plaintiff, proceeding *pro se* and *in forma pauperis*, requests the appointment of counsel to assist her in this matter. (Doc. 20). Plaintiff's motion for the appointment of counsel will be denied based upon the general principle that civil litigants have no constitutional right to the appointment of counsel at government expense. See *Anderson v. Sheppard*, 856 F.2d 741 (6th Cir. 1988). Plaintiff's complaint is legible and articulate and she has adequately represented herself in this matter through the date of this decision. At this stage, Plaintiff has failed to demonstrate the type of "exceptional circumstances" that would justify the rare appointment of free counsel for a *pro se* civil litigant. *Lavado v. Keohane*, 992 F.2d 601, 605-606 (6<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1993).

Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED THAT** Plaintiff's motion requesting counsel (Doc. 20) is **DENIED**.

s/Stephanie K. Bowman  
Stephanie K. Bowman  
United States Magistrate Judge